

**189—16.7(533) Counting of ballots.**

**16.7(1)** If a substantial number of absentee ballots are received prior to the date of the annual meeting the election committee chairperson may set a time prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of counting the absentee ballots on hand.

**16.7(2)** In the event such a meeting as described in subrule 16.7(1) is held the election committee is bound by the confidentiality requirement of subrule 16.6(2). Additionally the election committee shall not in any manner reveal the status of the vote count at any time prior to the announcement of the final results.